

CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMISSION MEETING
Monday, April 2, 2012
The Center of Clayton – Multipurpose Room C

The following members were present:

Ira Berkowitz	Michelle Harris
Brad Bernstein	Laurel Herrington
Mimi Deem	Eric Schneider
Rosemary Hardy	Melanie Tamsky

Excused/Absent:

Marguerite Garrick
Andrea Maddox-Dallas
Omri Praiss

Also Present:

Patty DeForrest

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the March meeting were approved as written.

Addresses from the Audience: There were no addresses from the audience.

Shaw Park Ice Rink Discussion: Mr. Michael Pratl and Mr. Anselmo Testa from Jacobs Engineering led the Shaw Park Ice Rink discussion. Three concepts were developed by the Ice Rink Taskforce five years ago. Since that time a fourth idea has emerged.

Mr. Testa gave an overview of the ice rink concepts and provided an explanation as to how the ideas came to fruition. Mr. Pratl stated that the designs were developed based on discussions about the issue of the ice melting, the northeast side of the ice being compromised by the reflection of Clayton on the Park, equipment issues, and the possibility of having a multi-use facility.

Three conceptual drawings were presented to the Commission and the audience. All options included some type of covering over the ice rink. These included:

Option #1 (Scheme A) – This design included an ADA accessible main entry point to the ice rink, locker rooms on the main level, raised terrace space, all activity taking place in the back of the building, a new skate rental area, Zamboni area off of a back engineered road and bleachers on the Brentwood side with the ability to still see skaters from the street.

Option #2 (Scheme B) – This design included a building that would be similar to Shaw Park Aquatic Center, a dining and warming room, a café, a patio that could stand on its own; all would create a streetscape from the northeast and south side of the building.

Option #3 (Scheme C) – This design would include changing the entrance, setting up a catering kitchen between the ice rink and the (pool which would have dual usage and become a filter point) and a translucent roof to close on rainy days.

Option #4 (Scheme D) - This plan would include demolition of the existing ice rink building - starting the project with a clean slate. There would be an ice rink that would serve as a multi-use facility in the off season.

The Commission, along with the Mr. Pratl and Mr. Testra, held an in-depth discussion about the ice rink options presented. During the discussion it was noted that the solar load on the

rink is what is causing the equipment to work harder than normal. Putting some type of covering on the rink is a critical and functional part for summer usage. Other items mentioned during the discussion included: combining options A and B, multifunctional usage is great for kids, the ice rink season will improve no matter what option is chosen, having a partial cover with open sides and results from a recent Clayton Community survey showed that 47% of residents would use a multi-use facility.

Clayton residents who attended the Commission meeting also talked about their thoughts and opinions in reference to the ice rink. One of their main concerns was about the idea of putting a cover on the ice rink. Other comments focused on off season usage of the ice rink. Ms. DeForrest explained that since the ice rink is enclosed by dasher boards it has been found to be too hot for roller skating or other spring and summer activities.

It was noted that a lot of time has been spent on ice rink usage and in a season only 70-75 days of skating take place; therefore it is time to focus on having a more functional facility for the community. There are lots of ideas about what types of programs could take place in a multi-use facility in the off season. Jacobs has conducted research on market trends so those will be reviewed when determining other program offerings.

The motivation to put together an ice rink design is so the Clayton Century Foundation team can show potential donors a plan. Ms. Harris noted that donors get excited about big projects so it is necessary to think big and to be futuristic.

After considering the three schemes, the Commission members took scheme C off the table first because they felt as if it would complicate the process and would take away from the planned Artwork that is under development. They talked about keeping scheme A; however their final determination was to consider eliminating all three of the original concepts and move forward with making plans for scheme D. The removal of the large building would open up the park, creating a much nicer view. A new building could become a landmark for Clayton. In conclusion, Mr. Pratl and Mr. Testa will put together a conceptual drawing for plan D which will be discussed at the May Commission meeting. The Ice Rink Public Forum will be held on Thursday, May 17.

Director's Report: Ms. DeForrest told the Commission that Wilson School would be utilizing The Center and The Heights over the next two weeks. She also announced that Christner was the architectural design firm selected to work on the Shaw Park Pavilion project. General concepts for the project will be discussed at a public forum to be scheduled in May.

Old Business / New Business: There was no old or new business to report.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted By:

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